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APRIL SPOTLIGHTS VICTORY GARDENS ... in the Food Fights for Freedom timetable and in the April Nutrition News Letter. An excellent example of dovetailing one program into another, and pointing up the places of common interest, this News Letter applies nutrition in full measure to victory gardening and features some of the ways nutrition affects the value of the garden.

"JEFFERSON AND AGRICULTURE" a multilith pamphlet, is being sent to all county agent offices by Extension in connection with observances of the Jefferson Bicentenary. Six thousand copies have been sent to teachers throughout the country by the Office of Education. 4-H Clubs have received a mimeograph from Extension giving program suggestions and containing background on Jefferson the man and Jefferson the farmer.

TO MAKE SURE THAT ABUNDANCES from Victory Gardens not go to waste this year, communities may want to adopt an idea found successful in Crow Wing County, Minnesota, and establish a combined community vegetable market and canning center. Forty-six families sold vegetables and fruits in the market, and three hundred families used the center to put up approximately 20,500 cans of vegetables and fruits and 3,000 cans of meat.

"FOOD PROGRAM FOR 1944" is WFA's report on the current food situation. It reviews the situation with respect to problems of both production and distribution, in their relation to military, lend-lease, and civilian demands and needs for food. It also presents a picture of the world food situation within the framework of which the U. S. food program has been planned. Available from Press Service, Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C.

MAINE'S FARM AND HOME WEEK includes one session on the Citizens' Service Corps activity of the Maine Civilian Defense. This section covers such topics as "Rural Maine's Part in the War Program," "Current Salvage Quotas and How to Meet Them," "Your Cooperation Makes Rationing and Price Control Successful," and "National Housekeeping." The section was set up to show how volunteers are used by the various agencies and the need for Civilian War Services for the duration.

PRESS RELEASES YOU'LL WANT TO READ . "New Grain Varieties Boosting Food Yields," USDA 1879-44. ... "E. A. Meyer Named Associate Chief of Fruit and Vegetable Branch," USDA 1861-44. ... "Farm Slaughter Limitations Suspended Indefinitely," USDA 1883-44. ... "Large Raisin Production Needed in 1944," USDA 1880-44. ...

*** NATIONAL FARM AND HOME HOUR ***
Week of March 20-24, 1944

- MONDAY - Florence Hall, Chief of Women's Land Army Division, Extension, and Mr. and Mrs. George Wurst, Silver Lake Farm, Gloucester County, N. J., "City Women and Farm Work."
- TUESDAY - Ruth Van Deman, BHN&HE, "Potatoes in Popular Ways," and Speaker from BPI, "Granular Ammonium Nitrate."
- WEDNESDAY - Ashley Sellers, Director, Office of Price, WFA, "The 1944 Price Supports."
- THURSDAY - Frank Hancock, Administrator, FSA, "Farming Opportunities for Returning Veterans."
- FRIDAY - Victory Gardens, Ernest Moore and Duke DuMars, "Planting Early Vegetables." (Part II)

The subject for CONSUMER TIME is "Food for Our Allies," and will present facts on United States' lend-lease shipments to Britain, Russia, and China, as well as facts on reverse lend-lease. The schedule: Saturday, March 25, 12:15 EWT, NBC.

MARKETING ABUNDANT FOODS

The following unrationed foods will be available in relative abundance throughout the greater part of the country during April:

White Potatoes	Shell Eggs
Fresh Oranges and Grapefruit	Canned Green and Wax Beans
Frozen Vegetables, including	Peanut Butter
frozen baked beans	Citrus Marmalade

Moderately large supplies of raisins and dried prunes will be available during April. Substantial supplies of frozen blueberries, plums and prunes are expected to be available where facilities for handling frozen foods exist.

Relatively abundant supplies of fresh spinach, snap beans, cabbage, celery, and carrots are expected from Southern producing areas during April. Supplies of new crop onions should be available in most of the principal marketing centers during the last half of April.

(These should be checked locally to insure that they are in relative abundance.)

FARMERS, FARM PRICES AND INFLATION A study of midwestern dairy farmers conducted by BAE shows that most of them would not like to see inflation, although a rather large proportion have not formulated their ideas clearly on the subject. The majority approve of ceiling prices as a way of checking inflationary prices, and want some sort of controls on the prices of both products bought and products sold. Since many of these farmers, however, believe that price controls are more effective on the commodities they sell than on those they buy, they are insistent that the prices of things they buy be brought in line.

"IN WARTIME PLAN TO EAT" is the name of a Brieflet issued by the Vermont Extension Service. It provides a "Food Budget for a Wartime Year" and gives pointers to gardeners on how to make their gardens provide more food for the home supply.